

**COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 5, 2020**

*NOTE: Due to COVID-19, this meeting was held virtually (via ZOOM),
and was live streamed on the City's website*

Mayor Casavant called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Roll Call: William Emhiser, John McCurry, Jr., Stephen St. Cyr, Robert Quattrone, Jr., Amy Clearwater, Norman Belanger, Michael Ready, Doris Ortiz, Marc Lessard

There were no adjustments to the agenda.

Proclamation: Kids to Park Day

Mayor Casavant read a revised Proclamation. During COVID-19, **Parks to Kids Day** will recognize the importance of social distancing while enjoying the benefits of the outdoors.

Proclamation: National Day of Prayer

Mayor Casavant read the Proclamation.

Consideration of Minutes: April 21, 2020

Motion by Councilor McCurry, seconded by Councilor Clearwater to accept the minutes as printed.

Vote: Unanimous.

Second Reading:

{For a copy of the Order and first reading, see the Council Meeting minutes of April 21, 2020}

2020.26) Authorization/Biddeford School Revolving Renovation Fund Financing/Bonds for Health, Safety and Compliance Repairs at School Facilities for July 14, 2020 Municipal Referendum Election – REVISED ORDER

Motion by Councilor McCurry, seconded by Councilor Clearwater to grant the second reading of the order.

Vote: Unanimous.

Orders of the Day:

2020.28 **IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL..MAY 5, 2020**

BE IT ORDERED, that the City Council of the City of Biddeford does hereby approve the City's Community Development Block Grant "***Revised Citizens Participation Plan***" for immediate implementation.

Motion by Councilor McCurry, seconded by Councilor Lessard to grant the order.

Vote: Unanimous.

2020.29 **IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL..MAY 5, 2020**

BE IT ORDERED, that the City Council of the City of Biddeford does hereby accept the City Clerk's nominations for Election Clerks for the 2020 and 2021 Elections.

NOTE: The City Clerk may include other Election Clerks not on the attached list, as necessary.

Motion by Councilor McCurry, seconded by Councilor Lessard to grant the order.

Vote: Unanimous.

2020.30 **IN BOARD OF CITY COUNCIL..MAY 5, 2020**

BE IT ORDERED, that the City Council of the City of Biddeford does hereby deny the property tax abatement request for 10 Clifford Street for the 2018/2019 property taxes, as recommended by the City Assessor.

Motion by Councilor McCurry, seconded by Councilor Lessard to grant the order, to deny the abatement request.

Vote: Unanimous.

Standing COVID-19 Operational Updates/Modifications:

City Manager, James Bennett informed the Council that he, along with the City's Department Heads have been working on a phased re-opening plan for City Hall and other Departments that need to work towards more normal operations.

He reminded the Council of the Emergency Orders that were put into place about six weeks ago and will need to be reviewed. These items will be included on the May 19, 2020 Council Meeting agenda.

Councilor St. Cyr would like to have a Department by Department update on the respective operations; and how Staff has adjusted to the modifications.

Public Addressing the Council...(5 minute limit per speaker; 30 minute total time limit):
There were no public comments.

Other Business:

Councilor Lessard: shared that he has heard from many folks about how great the City Staff is doing in dealing with the current challenges, due to COVID-19. He is consistently hearing what a fantastic job City Staff is doing to maintain City services in these challenging times.

Council President Addressing the Council: Councilor McCurry will be glad when things can get back to normal....whatever that normal will be! He is thankful for all that the City Employees are doing to keep the City running smoothly.

Mayor Addressing the Council: Mayor Casavant noted that he has been in many conversations with the Mayor's Coalition and other collaborative meetings and there has been a lot of discussion around re-opening. He is finding that everyone is grappling with the same issues, and he is pleased with how much further along Biddeford seems to be from many of our neighboring communities.

Motion by Councilor McCurry, seconded by Councilor Lessard to adjourn.

Vote: Unanimous.

Time: 6:28 p.m.

Attest by:_____
Carmen J. Morris, City Clerk